

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Allegations of irregularities against Sri D. Sainath, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department and now retired on reimbursing the Central Sales Taxes for an amount of Rs.6,52,352/- against the agreement clause for completed and ongoing works in Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department in Krishna District – Charges framed – Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer appointed – Change of Inquiry Officer – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.404

**Dated: 16/07/2024
Read the following:**

1. From the General Administration (V&E) Department, Alert Note No.145 (C.No.1371/V&E/E1/2016), Dt:26.09.2016.
2. G.O.Rt.No.136, PR&RD(Vig.VI) Department, Dt:16.03.2021.
3. G.O.Rt.No.340, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated:21.06.2021.
4. From the ENC,RWS&S Lr.No. Vig(II)/RWS&S/138426/2021, dt:21.4.2021 along with Written statement of Sri D.Sainath, the then EE, RWS&S and now retired, dt:22.03.2021.
5. G.O.Rt.No.819, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept, dt:22.11.2023.
6. From the Chief Engineer(Admn), RWS&S, Gollapudi Lr.No:Vig(II)/RWS&S /138426/2021, dt:04.07.2024 received on 10.07.2024.

ORDER:

In the reference 5th read above, Government have appointed Sri V.Ravi Kumar, Chief Engineer-IV, O/o Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department as Inquiry Officer and also appointed D. Venkata Ramana, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada as Presenting Officer under Rule 20(2) and Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules,1991 respectively, to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer Sri D. Sainath, Executive Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department on the allegations of irregularities on reimbursing the Central Sales Taxes for an amount of Rs.6,52,352/- against the agreement clause for completed and ongoing works in Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department in Krishna District.

2. In the reference 6th read above, the Chief Engineer (Admn), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, has submitted that Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, who was appointed as Inquiry Officer in the said case, has retired from service voluntarily on 30.04.2024 and vide letter, dt:29.04.2024, the Chief Engineer-IV, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has requested to address the Government to appoint alternate officer as Inquiry Officer. The Chief Engineer (Admn), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has requested Government to change the Inquiry Officer in the said case for finalization of the disciplinary case.

3. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby appoint Chief Engineer - III (V&QC and Admn) as Inquiry Authority, in the place of

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Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Chief Engineer-IV, O/o Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, who retired from service voluntarily, to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer i.e. Sri D. Sainath, Executive Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department under Rule 20(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991. The Inquiry Officer is requested to take up the inquiry from where it was left and submit his report within two months, since Inquiry Authority was appointed some months back, i.e. 22.11.2023.

4. The Presenting Officer, whoever was appointed earlier vide GO 5th read above, shall continue as Presenting Officer in this case. He shall acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiry Authority effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce documents if any required by the Inquiry Authority during the course of inquiry without referring the matter to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Chief Engineer - III (V&QC and Admn), O/o Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, AP, Vijayawada

Sri D. Venkata Ramana, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

Sri D. Sainath, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada and now retired through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, AP., Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (PR&RD, RWS&S, EFST).

The P.S to Principal Secretary to Government, (PR&RD).

The Secretary to VC, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.

The Chief Engineer (Admn), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, AP., Vijayawada.

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

T.B. Bhatnagar
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